



2007 State of the Assessment from Soup to Nuts

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The workshop is offered at no charge to any LEA or ISD who wants to co-sponsor and promote the course – minimum course enrollment is 6 per site.

Length of Workshop: Presentation and discussion only – One to 2 hours (negotiable).
Presentation and discussion with optional additional hands-on lab - 2.5 hours
(requires Internet connection and a minimum of one computer per two participants).

Target audience: Classroom teachers, department chairs, assessment coordinators, principals, others connected with curriculum and assessment.

Topics covered: Broad view of relationship between curriculum and assessment methods from classroom, district, LEA, MEAP, and NAEP perspectives. Discussion of relationship among curriculum frameworks and test frameworks. Some state and national outcomes will be shared and discussed.

Other topics will include:

- Definitions and uses of norm-referenced tests, criterion referenced tests, common assessment practices, curriculum based assessment, and curriculum based measurement, Response to Intervention (RTI) approaches, and alternate assessment methods. Building a balanced assessment program will be emphasized.
- How to build and judge the quality of multiple-choice and constructed-response test items using questions from the NAEP Question Tool (a free test items database of over 1,000 questions in searchable format at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/itmrls>)
- How to use the NAEP Question Tool to find and modify questions to use in local assessment programs (training provided either by demonstration or hands-on).

Handouts and an extensive reference list will be provided. To sign up for this workshop, go to the NAEP page under <http://www.michigan.gov/naep>

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